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Engraved in the Father's Hands

by Justin Cooper, President - Redeemer College

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you to Redeemer College. Whether you are a returning student or are here for the first time, we're delighted to have you as a member of this vibrant Christian academic community. You are part of a growing group of students who have come to this campus to prepare themselves for a life of service in a wide variety of areas in God's all-embracing Kingdom.

Let me underscore the importance of the choice you have made to come to Redeemer. Your Christian university education will be a life-changing experience! I hope you're prepared for an exciting year of growth as you develop new relationships and explore various dimensions of God's world in your courses and campus activities.

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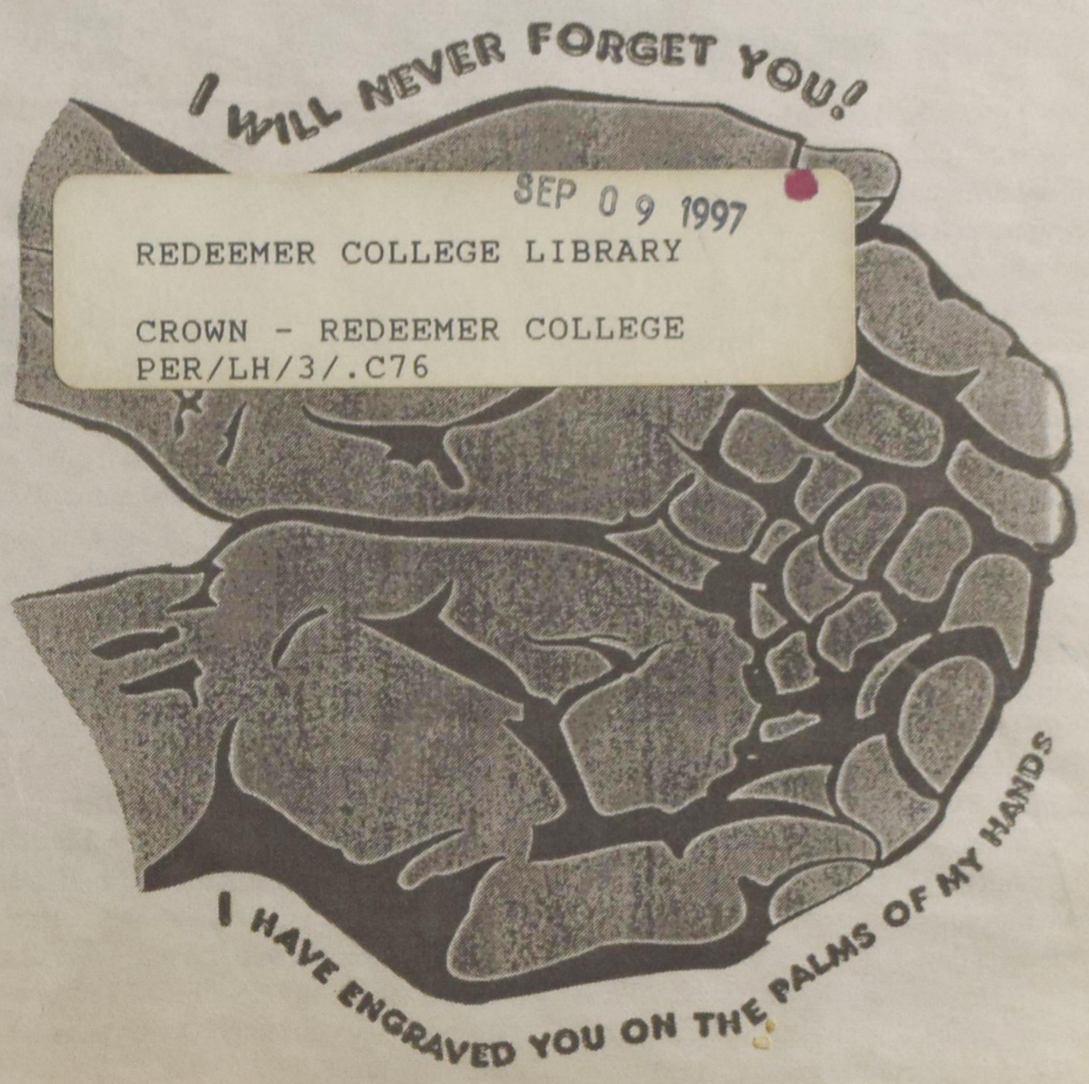
Our theme for this year, "Remembered and Engraved," relates to Isaiah 49:15b-16a, where God reminds his people of his covenant love and faithfulness. This covenant partnership, which is the basis of our lives and the Christian liberal arts education we pursue, is a topic I am expanding on in my convocation address. It is my prayer that you may know the reality of God's love and faithfulness in your life as you pursue your studies and activities this year, so that you will have a sure spiritual and academic foundation for whatever the Lord will call you to.

As we begin our seventeenth year as an academic institution, there are **three** challenges which will be important for us as a College community. **First**, we need to do whatever it takes to maintain and augment the academic quality of our Christian liberal arts education. In anticipation of a favourable decision by the Ontario Cabinet on the Ministry's recomendations regarding private universities in the province, we are making preparations for a revision to our charter. We are also discussing the topic of a "wired campus" as part of the larger process of formulating a strategic plan for the future of the College. We are thankful for the positive developments with respect to our charter change, but we need to do much more to continue to be a first-class institution.

Second, we need to maintain the stronger financial position we have all worked so hard to achieve. We praise God that the combination of cost-cutting and the tremendous response to our special appeal for donations has resulted in a positive financial result for 1996-97. What a remarkable accomplishment! Special thanks goes to faculty and staff for their sacrifices and hard work which has helped to make this possible. We are also very thankful to our members and friends for their faithful financial and prayer support. We look to the Lord for his continued blessing in the coming year so that we can operate on a sound financial basis which makes adequate provision for our people and programs.

Finally, and most importantly, we need to continue to work at making this campus a place which is known for its ethos of Christian service. As Christ has loved us and given himself for us, let us also demonstrate this kind of love for one another, as faculty, staff, administrators and students

We all need to cultivate a servant heart, which operates in terms of the fruits of the Spirit. Let's encourage each other to show forth love, joy, peace, patience and kindness so that our campus, as well as our academic work, will be a powerful witness to the meaning of life lived in covenant partnership with our Lord and King.✱



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A word of welcome and encouragement from your college president

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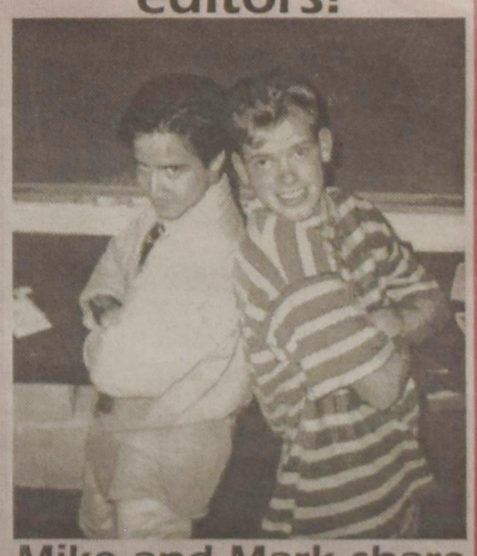

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15 Years of the CROWN

CROWN staff

On October 31, 1983, Harry Zantingh and his staff put out the very first issue of the *CROWN*. He felt that Redeemer College needed a voice specifically for the students of the college and he set out to provide this voice. Zantingh, the first editor of the *CROWN*, worked against the odds--the year before the student newspaper had failed due to lack of interest.

Zantingh knew that he was fighting an uphill battle. Redeemer was a small college, and talent for this newspaper endeavour was scarce. In his very first editorial, Zantingh wrote, "I do have a concern which I would like to share with you...whether this newspaper will survive and continue to be published. I have this fear that the *CROWN* will be only a couple of issues stored on some dusty, forgotten shelf in the college library."

There was a ray of hope, though, and Harry Zantingh knew it. "I know that Redeemer has oodles of talent just waiting to be discovered. I an certain that there are many who will leave their mark in the cultural world; all they need is a tiny nudge, a small opportunity to get started."

Fifteen years later, we have seen some of this talent in the pages of the *CROWN*. Zantingh knew then, as we know now: Redeemer students have what it takes. "Yes, there are gifted people at Redeemer but talent begs to be shared. In fact, it is not talent unless it is shared. We have a newspaper now. There is an opportunity now. Share yourself!"

Thank you, Harry. We couldn't have said it, or started it, any better.✱

Mike Zwiep

Co-Editor

Let me be the third person to welcome you to Redeemer College in this first issue of the *CROWN*. This newspaper is devoted to you, the student body, and every page has been set aside for your participation. As co-editors, Mark and I hope that this publication continues to be an important means of communication within the Redeemer College community. We want this to be the best *CROWN* ever, providing you with a medium of free expression and informed opinion while at the same time covering events and issues of consequential interest and relevant concern. Your enthusiasm and involvement can help us fulfil these obligations.

I was honoured to become one of the new co-editors of the *CROWN*. The privilege of editing the school newspaper humbles me. Mark, however, reacted a little differently. He couldn't stop bragging about his new status as we moved our stuff into the *CROWN* office the other day.

"This is great!" he exclaimed. "We have a huge office, a captive audience, and big salaries. Even the professors don't have that."

I smiled.

"Now I can walk into the front office and the secretaries will just beckon me through," Mark swaggered. "I can tell people what to do and be eminently quotable too."

"That's great!" I humoured.

Suddenly there was a knock at the door, and a pretty young woman gave a small wave through the *CROWN* office window.

"Looks like a freshman checking out the school!" whispered Mark, excitedly. "Watch this!" he boasted, clearing his throat and motioning me to let her in. As the door opened, Mark grabbed the phone and began to talk.

"Yes, this is the *CROWN* office...That's right, I'm one of the co-editors...yes...oh thank-you...oh please, don't mention it, Dr. Cooper...please...hey, were just a couple of regular guys like the rest of them, right! No problem...sure...you're doing a fine job too...like you just said, I'll pass those compliments on to my co-editor...you bet, Dr. Cooper...see you tonight at your place for dinner. Bye now!"

Replacing the receiver back onto the hook, Mark looked up and acknowledged the young woman. "What can I do for you, little miss?" he asked, briskly.

"Well," she said, with a big grin, "the main office sent me here to hook up your phone!"*

Mark VanDooren

Co-Editor

Welcome back!

Redeemer is off to another great start. The students (investors) have been piling in for the last few days, and in the throng we've noticed a few new faces. Yes, we. You see, the honour of editorship has befallen two people this year. Now we can count on twice the energy and twice the free time, offering you a better newspaper.

When we were told of our new positions, we immediately scanned through past *CROWN* issues, trying to glean some editor-soul from the pages. Immediately, we noticed the work involved, and wondered what we had gotten ourselves into. But it was God who got us into it, and so we hope to grow in Him as we run this piece of the student voice. Because that is what the *CROWN* is, people: your voice. If you have something to say, and want 1000 copies of it, submit an article to the *CROWN*. If you and your pals pulled off the best dorm raid in history, give us some pictures. And you need not be a poet or gifted columnist: we'll do the spell-checking for you!

We realize that this position is a way for us to grow in God, and we want everyone to experience similar growth. Let our Redeemer community grow in friendship and understanding. Let us grow enough to have the courage to make statements based on fact rather than rumour. By the end of the year, we hope everyone can look back at the last 8 months and see the changes they have gone through. And like themselves for it.

Thanks.*

Let's Go!!

Get set with Senate

Jason Zuidema

Student Senate President

In this coming academic year, Senate hopes to do many wonderful things in its position as the leadership of the student body. We hope to have many activities which will be accessible to all Redeemer students. Also, we would like to increase the opportunity for the student body to participate in Senate by using the new student concern forms, giving suggestions to senators, or helping out in Student Senate projects. In addition, we invite you to attend our meetings in order to inform yourself of our decisions or participate in our discussions.

Last year Senate accomplished many fantastic things. We hope that the projects from last year will not be forgotten, and intend to maintain continuity with last year's Senate and build upon what they began. The former president, Dave VanMinnen, will still be in close cooperation with Senate, and will give us valuable ideas and direction based on what his experiences while in office last year.

We plan on doing many things this year. Many of the same things will be done, such as funding of clubs, the banquet, coffee houses, and the spiritual retreat. This year we want to add many other activities. Our Spiritual and Volunteer Chair and Activities Chair have been working give you a chance to get involved in many areas of the school.

Student Senate is a representative of the student body. We are here to be a body of leadership to the students, to increase the bond of unity the students have with each other, and to be a link for the students to the administration. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, feel free to talk to a senator or to stop by the Senate office. We would be glad to talk to you.

As president of Student Senate, I can really see the love and respect that students have for Redeemer College. I truly wish to serve you in whatever way I can.*

We Can Do It!

Angela Garmaise

Copy Editor

A newspaper is an interactive, living medium of communication. It requires both input and output to become a viable institution, especially at a university. And as a student newspaper, the *CROWN* requires the involvement of as many students as possible to keep it alive. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each and every student of Redeemer College to get involved in the medium that functions as your voice in this community. The staff of the *CROWN* would like especially to invite the incoming and existing English majors to check out our digs at Room 126 on the first floor, right across from the Literature & Arts pod, beside the Auditorium. Or, feel free to give us a call at extension 291. There are even two or three paid positions still available, as well as a number of invaluable, experience garnishing positions that would provide immense amounts of fun, and would always look great on a resume.... So this is your big chance to GET INVOLVED! And remember, if you ever feel like no one's listening to you, that's what we're here for!

Angie Garmaise and the *CROWN* staff.*

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Welcome to a new year

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Spelling slips and grammatical gaffs are purposely placed for the perfectionist to point out.

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Role Call

Have a time slot to fill? Unsure what electives to take? To help you out, we've had chats with the heads of the different scholastic departmnets and have comeup with this helpful guide. It only includes a taste of what Redeemer has to offer.

Theatre

The theatre department lives by the axiom, "Freedom of the press, not freedom of students". If you haven't had interest in the theatre before, you probably wouldn't consider a theatre course, but you would be missing a lot. Theatre is a truly communal form of learning, giving you the powers of creation before an audience. Some people have counted their experience in the Redeemer theatre department as "better than getting married". To really get involved in the theatre department, why not try out for one of the plays? "Yuletide Yarns", a collection of fun and musical excerpts from your favourite Christmas stories, will be directed by Kip Longstaff in the fall. In the winter semester, "Stranger in the Land" (written and directed by Ray Louter), will be touring Ontario. Don't miss out!

History

So you paid good money to come to Redeemer, and you're wondering: What will be the payoff? How are subjects studied differently here, especially history? Aren't facts facts, no matter what you believe? The Redeemer history department does not merely offset any one-sided emphasis on political or social history by means of special emphasis on intellectual history or church history. They study ordinary, solid, quality history courses. But they do so with a difference. Redeemer's history courses find their difference through the Reformed understanding of the cultural mandate. In any history course you might take at Redeemer, you will watch a drama unfold between three players: one visible actor, man, and two invisible actors, God and His Enemy.

Chemistry

Chemistry is the very basis of our discovery of creation. In this modern society, man is able to understand the interaction between molecules and invisible forces. We can learn more about our food, drugs, and clothing. But besides knowing Jeopardy-type facts, we can become more aware of our place in God's creation and our mandate to uphold His creation. Issues such as the environment and pollution can be turned from far-off "bad things" into understood quantitative aspects. This type of knowledge, as well as the small classes and hands-on approach to the curriculum, makes Chemistry an interesting subject at Redeemer.

Mathematics

Math! I was already forced to take that in high school! Math always seems to get a bad rap, but it isn't as complex as most make it out to be. Math is an excellent brain excercise that improves your abilities in logic and analytical thought. Numeracy in itself is important, as seen in statistics and in the social sciences. Math has grown even more in our "information generation", as computers get incoded and new "super-maths" must be researched. So take a few courses from the math department and prove you're smarter than your friends!

Biology

The first thing the biology department wants you to know is their open door policy: you can walk into their offices at any time of the day for help, or advice, or hints on test questions. They want to make the science of biology as interesting as possible. To continue this, a co-op program is now in the works for biology majors. For more information, talk to Dr. VanderMeer. You may think that taking science courses in a small university isn't the best idea, but this can't be further from the truth. The curriculum helps you write lab reports and the profs are always close by (there's that open door policy again). The Pascal Centre is an off-shoot of the Biology department, focusing on the interaction of science and Christianity. It's on the ground floor near the elevators: go visit!

Music

Music is a part of all our lives. It is common in our fun and our worship. Non-music students can take a course in music appreciation to fulfill their Fine Arts requirements. (The music department offers its condolences to all music majors who may have wanted to take this course as well.) Actually, music doesn't just mean a career as a performer or composer. You can expand your choices into the fields of teaching and worship. You can also use your abilities in tertiary fields such as sales, recording, copyright and contract law, instrument building, music therapy, and publishing. The music department may not be able to satisfy everyone, but it has been growing despite changes in enrollment. As a side note, if you want to get in good with Prof. Polman, he loves to be invited to lunch or dinner at the Old Mill (I work there, I could get you a deal).

Psychology

Psychologists, as researchers and practitioners, study human behaviour. As humans, each of us should be interested in what society has learned about human behaviour and its causes. In the psychology courses here at Redeemer College, students learn about topics relevant to their own everyday lives, to the lives of their friends and families, and to their future careers; for example, the functions of the brain, learning and memory, emotions, creativity, psychological disorders, interpersonal relationships, and adult development. After four years, students are well prepared for immediate careers or graduate work in experimental psychology or clinical psychology. There is a vast array of career opportunites available with a psychology. background, and the faculty in this department will be happy to discuss them with you.✱

Get Involved !!

Your university education is not limited to the classroom alone! Some of your most important learning experiences can happen only when you participate in extracurricular activities. The Club Showcase, which is scheduled for Activity Period today, can provide you with a great opportunity to get involved in these activities. The following clubs and organizations represent just a few of the ways in which you can share your gifts at Redeemer. Get involved in the life of the school!

The CROWN

As the student voice of Redeemer, the *CROWN* is always looking for your ideas and opinions. Your contributions can make the student newspaper a success. If you want to find out how to get involved with this publication, look for the *CROWN* booth at the Club Showcase, or talk to one of the co-editors. To become part of the student newspaper, come out to the first meeting of the *CROWN*, which will be held on Monday, September 8, in Room 126 during Activity Period.

Church-in-the-Box Praise Band

Church-in-the-Box is a monthly praise and worship service that has been constantly growing since it was started. The praise band leads the service through a mix of drama, prayer, testimony, and song. Contact Kristi Ballantyne or Julia Dam for more details.

Kid's Club

Kid's Club is an outreach ministry aimed at reaching inner city kids in Hamilton. There are two clubs, one held every Tuesday in coordination with St. David's Presbyterian Church, and one scheduled for Wednesdays at Calvin Grace Community Church. Kid's Club is a great place for you to develop teaching and leadership skills. Contact Sheila Dykstra or Deb Campbell for more information.

Black Box Players

The Black Box Players always manage to put on class acts when it comes to drama. If you love being on stage and acting is your passion, then consider this your cue to join the Black Box Players.

Harbour Rescue Mission

On the third Friday night of every month, a group of students visit the men's residence at the Harbour Rescue Mission on James Street in downtown Hamilton, to hold a short Bible study, combined with prayer and singing. Find out more about this important ministry at the Club Showcase!

VA² - Volunteer Admissions Ambassadors

How would you like to have a hand in promoting Redeemer College to potential students? Well, the student arm of the Admissions Office, otherwise known as VA², can put you on the front line when it comes to new recruitment. Members of VA² conduct campus tours and calling campaigns as well as organize promotional weekends. Contact Shawn Stovell or Phil Beck to get involved with VA².

Redeemer for Life

Redeemer for Life represents a group of students who are involved with the Pro-Life movement in the surrounding community. The goal of this club is to give students the opportunity to engage in local Pro-Life activities, such as the "Life Chain" or crisis pregnancy program. For the sake of the unborn, join Redeemer for Life. Beth Poelman is the contact person for this group.

Yearbook Committee

Some of the most poignant memories at Redeemer have been captured on film. If you want to be a part of this process, and have a knack for Kodak moments, join the Yearbook Committee. Creative students who are interested in photography and layout can make this year's Anno Domini Yearbook a success. Contact Brenda Heyink.

Morning Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 instructs us to "pray continually." Scripture repeatedly talks about the benefits of a strong prayer life. The Morning Prayer Group is dedicated to nurturing an effective prayer life by meeting every weekday morning at 7:30 in the Prayer Room (251a). They pray for other people's needs as well as concerns for Redeemer College and the world at large. Contact Derek Bouma or Brenda Heyink if you want to get involved.

Redeemer College Double Quartet

Music has always been one of Redeemer's strong points with the supporting community. That's why this group has been such a hit with congregations when they visit various churches throughout the year. By joining the Redeemer College Double Quartet, you are not only raising awareness about Redeemer, but also raising your voices to God.

Student Senate

You don't have to be politically minded to join Redeemer College's Student Senate. Usually, organization and articulation are the keys to becoming a good Senator. Student Senate is responsible for maintaining a close liaison between the students and administration. If you are a first year, and feel you are qualified to run for Senate, start preparing a campaign and watch for a number of openings which will be publicized in the *CROWN* and throughout the college. Three positions are open to first years, and elections for these spots will be held at the end of September. Contact your Student Senate President, Jason Zuidema, for more information.

Fellowship Hour

The last club to be mentioned here is Fellowship Hour. Once a month, students get together in the Rec. Centre for an hour of singing, prayer, and devotions. Those involved with Fellowship hour are especially looking for people who can play an instrument or lead in singing. See Melita Poelman for details.

With such a great offering of clubs at Redeemer, it may seem hard to make a choice, but by getting involved in a least one activity, you can enrich the lives of those around you and at the same time, develop a sense of well-being. Remember to attend the club showcase and keep the contact people in mind if you need any information. Your involvement in extracurricular activities will strengthen you as you grow at Redeemer.✱

Want to get involved in any of these groups or activities? Sign up sheets and representatives from each club will be present in the main foyer during activity period today

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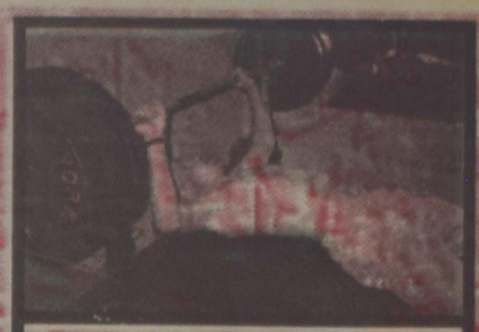

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2 Weight Room
3 Pop Machine
4 Gymnasium
5 Auditorium
6 Nice quiet space
7 Coldest cubicle during winter (so Prof. Haas leads us to believe)
8 *CROWN* room (in case you missed it the first time)
9 Food store
10 Cafeteria
11 Main Foyer
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21 A good place to play frisbee
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